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Dear Orin:

Please refer to Frampton's memorandum to you dated 1 November 1948 with reference to the new Washington to London circuit. I believe we covered all the points in question when you were here. However, I had intended to reply in writing also. I think most of the questionable phases of this operation have now been straightened out and this letter may be entirely unnecessary. Nevertheless I will, for the record, restate my feelings and understanding of the "Points to be taken up and cleared are these" contained in the latter part of Frampton's memorandum.

"(a) Who orders and pays for additional channels (question of obligation)?" - We agreed to pay not to exceed \$25,000 for the remainder of this fiscal year for our share of the cost of this circuit. I forwarded you under separate cover a copy of our Memorandum of Understanding with the Army Communications Service which should answer this question.

"(b) In view of shared Communication Section, does USIS get use on new channel, or only via Frankfurt? Does the system remain in force - if not how about staff and shared facilities in local Wire Room?" - If USIS is also using Army facilities, this is an Army Communications network decision. It is of no concern to us what other traffic goes over this channel so long as our volume and speed are not interfered with and so long as we would not have to employ additional personnel to handle the terminal.

"(c) Will Military procedures (JANP.127) remain in force - with same routing indicators as presently in use?" - This is still an Army circuit and I see no reason to change procedures.

"(d) We shall need additional reperforator tape (oiled type) for the Milattache relays. Will this be supplied from Military sources or should we requisition from our Washington office?" - Since this is still an Army circuit, any additional supplies needed should come from Army sources. **CONFIDENTIAL**

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"(e) Can arrangements be set up for FBIS to procure spare parts for equipment through local military (Signal Corps) sources?" "(f) What steps are being taken by GPO [ ] for setting up equipment for monitoring the new RTT channel to ensure 100% signal conditions and for wire checks between RTT terminal and FBIS Wire Room (Radio Control)?" "(g) What arrangements are being made for maintenance periods?" "(h) It is recommended that [ ] should be Chief of the Combined network and all matters co-ordinated through him, with this office acting as a tape relay station." - Since this is an Army circuit, these are problems the Army should solve.

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Sincerely,

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